

ACCIDENT REPORT

DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 63

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall from toppled scissor lift
Weather Conditions: Clear and sunny
Type of Operation: General Contractor
Size of Work Crew: 25
Union or Non-Union: Union
Worksite inspections conducted: Yes
Competent safety monitoring on-site: Yes
Safety and Health Program in effect: Yes
Training and education for employees: Yes
Craft of employees: Carpenters/Laborers
Age/Sex: 48/Male
Experience at this type of work: 2 years
Time on project: 1 hour



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

An employee was killed when the elevator scissor lift he was operating was driven off of a cutout portion of the sidewalk causing the lift's wheels to go over the edge and the lift fell. The lift was being driven with the employee elevated in the lift approximately 25' above the ground.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Employees should not be allowed to ride on lifts on surfaces where the scaffold is being moved that are not free of pits, holes, and obstructions.
2. Employees should be instructed and trained in the safe operation of the lifts while operating them in an elevated position and working near open pits and holes.

SOURCES OF HELP

• OSHA Standards, regulations, documents and technical information are available on the Internet World Wide web at: <http://www.OSHA.gov/>. That information also is on CD-ROM, which may be purchased from the Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800 or fax (202) 512-2250, Order No. 729-13-00000-5; Cost \$79 annually; \$28 quarterly.

• For hard copies of OSHA Construction Standards [29 CFR Part 1926], which include all OSHA job safety and health rules and regulation covering construction,

contact Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800, fax (202) 512-2250, order number 869-022-00114-1, \$33.

• OSHA-funded free consultation services listed in telephone directories under U.S. Labor Department or under the state government section where states administer their own OSHA programs.

• OSHA Safety and Health Training Guidelines for Construction, Volume III (Available from the National Technical

Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; phone (703) 487-4650; Order No. PB-239-312/AS. \$25 to help construction employers establish a training program.

• Courses in construction safety are offered by the OSHA Training Institute, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60018, (847) 297-4810, and the Metropolitan Community Colleges Business & Technology Center, 6899 Executive Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120, (816) 482-5210.

Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from a fall and/or electrocution. The accident prevention recommendations do not necessarily reflect the outcome of the legal aspects of the incident case. Your company or organization is eligible to receive one free copy of this leaflet which you may duplicate and share with your co-workers. To be placed on the distribution list, send your name, title and address to: U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 1100 Main, Suite 800, Kansas City, MO 64105, Attn. TECFAP, or e-mail to cynthia.dearing@osha.gov.